1	2	3
01.08.04	36.81	24.16
05.11.04	39.00	26.28
16.11.04	37.84	–
21.06.05	40.49	28.45
07.09.05	43.49	30.45
06.06.06	47.51	32.47
30.11.06	44.85	31.25
16.02.07	42.85	30.25
Current price (price revised on account of VAT revision)	43.52	30.48

(Price revisions on account of VAT/sales tax, revision in siding/shunting charges not considered)

(b) and (c) Government has been taking all possible measures to ensure that there is no hardship to common man on account of price rise. Government adopted the principle of equitable burden sharing amongst three stakeholders, namely, the consumers, the PSU oil companies and the Government to protect the interest of the common man and the vulnerable sections of society. Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.

Gas from Myanmar

392. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has failed to take adequate efforts to bid for gas exported from Blocks 41 and 43 of Myanmar;

(b) if so, how much gas India failed to import from Myanmar; and

(c) whether any further bid will be made to import gas from Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has keenly pursued the import of natural gas from Myanmar. Government of Myanmar issued a Letter of Intent on February 11,2004 and subsequently signed an MoU on March 9, 2006 during the visit of President of India to Myanmar, acknowledging GAIL as a preferential buyer of gas from A1 and A3 blocks in Myanmar.

However, in August 2006, Myanmar invited bids for selling 15.8MMSCMD natural gas from A1 and A3 offshore blocks through the pipeline route. GAIL submitted its bid. Subsequently, Government of Myanmar reviewed their decision to sell this gas through the pipeline route and invited bids for sale of 3.5 MMTPA of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). GAIL again submitted its bid. The matter was discussed in various meetings held between Government of Myanmar and Consortium in January, February and March, 2007.

In the meeting held in February 2007 between Myanmar Government and Petro China, Myanmar Government decided that the gas from A1 and A3 blocks would be sold to China through the pipeline route. This development was conveyed to the consortium partners by Myanmar Government during a meeting held at Nay Pyi Taw (NPT) on March 16, 2007. GAIL impressed upon the other partners and Myanmar Government that GAIL's pipeline offer was still the most competitive and offered optimum value for them due to proximity of India to these fields. However, Myanmar Government stuck to their decision to sell the gas to China.

(c) In order to achieve energy security for the country, India will continue to make efforts for import of natural gas/LNG from all possible sources, including Myanmar.

Indo-Pak-Iran gas pipeline project

393. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage is the talks on building an overland pipeline to convey natural gas from Iran to India through Pakistan;

(b) whether Iran has proposed that the Prime Minister of India and the President of Pakistan should travel to Tehran to sign the final agreement with President of Iran later this year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) India has been pursuing the import of natural gas from Iran through the Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) transnational gas pipeline.

(b) No, Sir.

(C) Does not arise.

LPG connection in Kerala

394. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the application for new LPG connection pending with various oil companies in Kerala, district-wise as on June 30,2007;

(b) the measures being taken to clear these pending applications;

(c) whether it is a fact that the application for second cylinder is not being entertained by oil companies in the State for a long time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when such requests are expected to be entertained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has reported a waiting list of 31974 in the State of Kerala as on 30.6.2007 for release of new LPG connections with their LPG distributors due to inadequate supply of cylinders by the